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ORGANIC LOW-K DIELECTRICS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.